


GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Office of the Senior Deputy Director-Medicaid Director



To: All Medicaid Providers Billing for Services under the Fee Schedule

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Subject: Notice of Pricing Updates to the Medicaid Fee Schedule

The purpose of this Transmittal is to notify all Medicaid providers billing for professional items and services of updates to the District's professional fee schedule for physician services, physician-administered drugs, durable medical equipment (DME), parenteral/enteral nutrition items and laboratory services. The professional services categorization refers to all providers who submit claims to the DC Medicaid program using the CMS -1500 claims form.

Under the District of Columbia's Medicaid State Plan, most physician services, physician-administered drugs, DME and laboratory services are reimbursed at 80% of the Medicare rates as established by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The exceptions are that certain primary care physicians who have qualified for an enhanced rate, certain DME items and chemotherapy-related physician-administered drugs are paid at 100% of the Medicare rate. DHCF makes pricing updates to the fee schedule annually to ensure the reimbursement rates are up to date and are properly aligned with the State Plan provisions.

Physician service pricing updates will be effective January 1, 2019; updates related to physician-administered drugs, DME, parenteral/enteral nutrition items and laboratory services will be effective April 1, 2019. For physician services, DHCF plans to implement pricing updates to the DC Medicaid claims processing system within 30 days from the transmittal date stated above. Accordingly, please note that the reimbursement rates and maximum unit values will increase for some and decrease for others. Detailed changes can be found online at:

<https://www.dc-medicaid.com/dcwebportal/providerSpecificInformation/providerInformation>.

If you have any questions or suggestions related to this pricing updates, please contact Amy Xing, Reimbursement Analyst, at (202) 481-3375 or amy.xing2@dc.gov.